

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 12-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, PCM 220 is provided with a set of primary paths 222 and a set of ~~set of~~ standby paths 224. When a path in the set of primary paths fails, the path control module may failover to the set of standby paths. Alternatively, when a path in the set of primary paths fails, the path control module may failover that path to a single path from the set of standby paths. The sets of primary paths and standby paths may be set by an administrator to control load balancing of resources in the storage area network.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 3-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The PCM may reestablish a failed path and put it back into failback service. The administrator may be notified about a path that cannot be reestablished and ~~[[may]]~~ the PCM may automatically coordinate with a SAN manager to have an additional path added for this device for failover.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 9-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Returning to Figure 1, SAN manager 150 is a device connected to SAN fabric 102. A SAN manager may enable new connections or paths from a host bus adapter (HBA) to the device by "zoning in" new HBA's or new switches. Switches and hubs typically support a feature called "zoning" where if you are "in" you can see the device, and if ~~[[your]]~~ you are "out" you cannot see the device. The SAN manager can query and establish this zoning in order to zone in new physical paths if need be. After the path is zoned in, the SAN manager can configure the new path to the device on the target machine. When the new path is configured on the target machine the PCM would be notified of the new path and could either add it as a standby path.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 7-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the example shown in Figure 3A, there are four possible paths. As such, the possible paths are as follows:

1. HBA 312, FC switch 1 332, HBA 322 (312-332-322)
2. HBA 314, FC switch 2 334, HBA 324 (314-334-324)
3. HBA 316, FC switch 3 336, HBA 326 (316-336-326)
4. HBA 318, FC switch 4 338, HBA 328 (318-338-328)

In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the PCM for the device may be provided with a set of primary paths, including paths 1 and 2, and a set of primary standby paths, including paths 3 and 4.